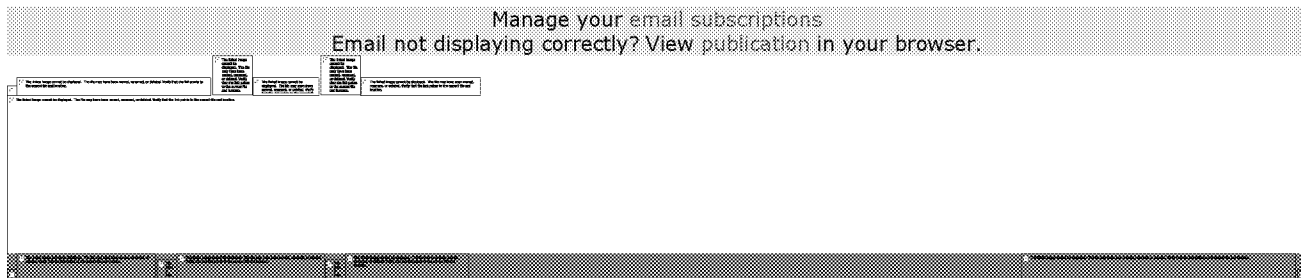


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States would gain an additional three years to submit a revised regional haze plan to address visibility in national parks and other protected areas under a new proposal from the Environmental Protection Agency....

Biodiversity

Rules to Fight Plant Pests Backed by EU Agriculture Committee

The European Parliament's Agriculture Committee April 26 endorsed new EU rules to fight foreign plant pests, such as the disease that devastated Italian olive groves in 2013....

Biotechnology

Congress Must Pass GMO Bill Despite Industry Action: Lawmakers

Food giants such as Mars Inc. and General Mills Inc. may have decided on their own to label U.S. products made from genetically modified organisms, but that doesn't absolve Congress of its responsibility to pass a national standard, two...

Budget

Senate to Vote to End Debate on Energy, Water Spending Bill

The Senate will vote to end debate April 27 on the \$37.5 billion Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (H.R. 2028), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced. ...

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European Commission Signals Compromise on Glyphosate
The European Commission could compromise on a draft proposal to reauthorize glyphosate in the European Union through 2031, the bloc's top food safety official said April 26....

Chemicals

Rust-Oleum Ousts Medical Expert in Benzene Injury Suit
A Department of Veterans Affairs employee who was to testify that there is "no safe level of benzene" was correctly excluded in a toxic tort case, paving the way for summary judgment for Rust-Oleum Corp., a federal appeals court ruled...

Chemical Testing

EPA, Scientists Discuss Ways to Get Inhalation Safety Data

Getting regulatory-required acute inhalation toxicity data from non-animal tests may be possible using approaches regulators now use to apply test data from one species to another species, an Environmental Protection Agency toxicologist...

Climate Policy

Emissions of Businesses' Suppliers May Be Needed: FSB Panel

Large businesses will be pressed to reveal the pollution coming from their suppliers and prove their resilience to tightening climate-change regulations under recommendations due to be made later this year by a panel set up by Financial Stability...

Climate Policy

Wide Array of Groups Lobbied Congress on Carbon Capture

One environmental issue apparently unites a broad spectrum of entities ranging from unions to coal companies to some environmental advocates—supporting the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies....

Congress

Barton Versus Shimkus in Race to Lead Energy and Commerce

Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.) still has eight months left as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, but some of his fellow Republicans are already jockeying for his seat. ...

Congress

House Passes Oil Spill, Great Lakes, Estuary Bills

Lawmakers passed legislation April 26 to make owners and operators of oil production facilities located offshore and outside the U.S. liable for cleanup costs and damages from oil spills (H.R. 1684), reauthorize an initiative to restore...

Drinking Water

EPA to Develop National Drinking Water Plan

The Environmental Protection Agency will develop and release by the end of the year a plan to improve the safety of the nation's drinking water, a senior agency official announced April 26....

Drinking Water

Flint EPA Class Action Might Turn on Discretionary Function

A group of Flint, Mich., residents has filed a \$220 million notice of class action against the Environmental Protection Agency for its handling of the city's drinking water crisis....

Energy

Canada Approves Enbridge Line Replacement

Canada's National Energy Board April 25 conditionally approved Enbridge Pipelines' C\$7.5 billion (\$5.94 billion) Line 3 Replacement Program to modernize 1,067 kilometers of pipeline between the Alberta oil sands and Wisconsin....

Energy

Central Bankers Drive Nuclear End Activists Sought

Central banks may accomplish what a generation of anti-nuclear activists have failed to do: Force operators to finally decommission almost 150 reactors now sitting in limbo across the globe....

Energy

Court Asked to Toss South Carolina's Mixed-Oxide Lawsuit

A lawsuit filed by South Carolina claiming the Department of Energy is not fulfilling its obligations to build a mixed-oxide (MOX) facility to convert weapons-grade plutonium into commercial fuel should be tossed, the federal government...

Energy

Court Denies NRDC Petition Against Nuclear Plant Renewal

A federal appeals court denied the Natural Resources Defense Council's petition challenging the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's refusal to allow the NRDC to intervene in the license renewal process for Exelon Corp.'s nuclear...

Energy

Delaware Basin to Hold Its Own Pipeline Hearings

A regional multi-state body that manages waters feeding into the Delaware River said it will hold its own independent hearings on the proposed PennEast pipeline project rather than participate in joint hearings with federal authorities....

Energy

German Plans for Nuclear Shutdown Hinge on Cleanup Costs

Germany and its nuclear plant operators are increasingly butting heads over who decommissions and pays the more than \$200 billion that is expected to be needed for long-term cleanup costs of winding down the country's nuclear power plants,...

Energy

Merkel Weighs \$1.4 Billion in Electric Car Incentives

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government is working on a deal with automakers to jointly spend 1.2 billion euros (\$1.4 billion) on incentives to boost electric car sales, said a government official familiar with the matter....

Hazardous Waste

Official: China Could Launch Soil Pollution Cleanup Plan in May

China's central government could release a comprehensive national plan as early as May to begin cleaning up severe soil pollution brought about from the fast pace of industrial and agricultural activity over three decades, Chen Jining,...

Hazmat Transport

N.Y. Official Urges More Insurance for Oil Transport

The Transportation Department and the Federal Railroad Administration should strengthen safety measures to prevent oil spills and other hazardous accidents on New York railways, including requirements for more insurance to cover cleanup...

Maritime Affairs

Baltic Sea to Restrict Passenger Ship Sewage Discharge

The Baltic Sea will become the first to restrict sewage discharges from ocean-going passenger ships, the International Maritime Organization's environment committee announced April 26. ...

Oil & Gas

Senators Debate Energy Rules in Low-Price Environment

Senators at an oversight hearing on challenges facing the oil and gas industry in a low-price environment discussed how to encourage the development of energy resources but debated whether current environmental regulations are too cumbersome...

Pipeline Safety

TransCanada Submits Energy East to Quebec Scrutiny

TransCanada Corp. has agreed to submit its C\$15.7 billion (\$12.4 billion) Energy East pipeline to more environmental scrutiny in Quebec, ending weeks of uncertainty after the provincial government filed a court injunction against the project....

Risk Assessment

Strategy to Prioritize Chemicals for Risk Assessment Proposed

Combining data from short, quick toxicity tests with knowledge about biological changes leading to diseases may be a way the Environmental Protection Agency could decide which chemicals to examine for health risks, according to a recent...

Stormwater

EPA Postpones Finding on Stormwater Runoff From Forest Roads

The Environmental Protection Agency has postponed determining whether stormwater discharges from forest roads should be regulated under the Clean Water Act permitting program Env'tl. Def. Ctr., Inc. v. EPA, 9th Cir., No. 14-80184, 4/25/16)....

Superfund

N.J. Lawmaker Pushes EPA on Superfund Dioxane Tests

Rep. Scott Garrett (R-N.J.) again pressed the Environmental Protection Agency to disclose information on groundwater tests at the Ringwood Superfund site in light of the recent discovery of 1,4-dioxane...

Superfund

New Measures Proposed at Eagle Harbor Superfund Site

The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing additional measures to clean up creosote and related toxic compounds left at the Wyckoff-Eagle Harbor Superfund site in the state of Washington by operations of a now defunct wood-treatment...

Water Infrastructure

Aid for Flint Included in Water Resources Bill

A draft Water Resources Development Act of 2016 was introduced April 26 in the Senate with authorizations for water infrastructure projects, reforms for the financing of projects and assistance for public drinking water systems contaminated...

Water Pollution

District Court Dismisses Clean Water Rule Challenge

A three-state challenge of the Environmental Protection Agency's rule clarifying regulatory jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act was dismissed by a federal court (Ohio v. Environmental Protection Agency, S.D. Ohio, No. 2:15-cv-02467...

CORRECTION

A story, "New EPA Water Criteria for Cadmium Strengthened," published April 5, misstated the unit measures for the final water quality criteria for cadmium. The limits are measured in micrograms per liter (65 DEN A-12, 4/5/16). The...

INTERVIEW

International Climate

Climate Envoy Sees Little Backsliding Ahead on Paris Pact

In April, Jonathan Pershing took the reins for the U.S. in international climate negotiations, succeeding Todd Stern, who had a seven-year run as President Barack Obama's top climate negotiator....

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